

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 An electronic camera and method of operating an  
electronic camera which detects whether an external device  
such as a personal computer is properly connected to the  
camera and in a state which permits communication. The  
camera monitors a data terminal ready (DTR) signal of an RS-  
232 connection in order to determine that the external device  
is properly connected and in a state which permits  
communication. Once the proper connection is detected, the  
camera can either transmit or receive images and/or audio  
from the external device. Accordingly, a specific switch  
which places the camera in a communication mode can be  
eliminated. Further, a single switch may be utilized for  
both controlling whether the camera records or plays images  
when there is no device connected, and which controls whether  
the camera transmits or receives images and/or audio when an  
external device is determined to be connected.